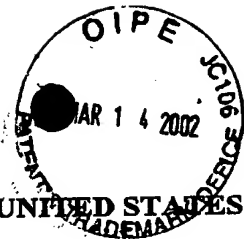


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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Further to an office-action dated September 21, 2001, the following is a supplemental applicants' response:

REMARKS

In the response filed to the above referenced office action applicants included a copy of a letter sent to a Japanese associate requesting classification of JP 62-127753.

Enclosed is the Japanese associate's response to that letter. From this response it is clear that the cited art does not include any teaching of using toner particles having metal flakes dispersed in a polymer. Since the JP patent publication has no figures, a copy is not included.

Kindly direct all telephone inquiries to the undersigned at 1-(877) 428-5468. Please note that this is a direct *toll free* number in the US that is answered in the undersigned's Israel office. Israel is 7 hours ahead of Washington.

In view of the above arguments, applicants submit that the application is in order for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully awaited.

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Re: Japanese Patent Publication No. 62-127753

Dear Dr. Fenster:

Thank you for your facsimile letter of February 22, 2002.

The following is my reply to your questions.

This publication does not teach in detail the use of metal flakes for making metallic toner. This invention relates to metallic toner by using fish flakes instead of metal flakes.

In the section of "prior arts" of this application, it is mentioned that toner which has metallic color tone has not been known yet.

In the section of "problems to be solved by the invention" of this application, the following is mentioned.

To produce metallic toner, it is usually considered to combine metal flakes such as metal aluminum flakes with coloring agent. However, it is very difficult to deal with such metal flakes. And there is a big risk that explosion happens.

According to an embodiment of the invention, ferrite carrier is combined with metallic toner made by using fish flakes.

I hope that the above explanation meets with your requests.

Should you have further question, please feel free to contact me at any time.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

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Masatoshi Kurata

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